

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 5, 2021

## **Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County**

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to remind you - a county wide waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine is available.

People eligible for the vaccine, in Phase 1A or 1B, can sign up

here: <a href="https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2826db87c9124a0fa5f89ce121d7503c?portalUrl=https://M\_OCO.maps.arcgis.com">https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2826db87c9124a0fa5f89ce121d7503c?portalUrl=https://M\_OCO.maps.arcgis.com</a>. If you are **65 years of age or older and do not have internet access**, you can join the vaccine wait list by calling 936-522-4570, on Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-5:00pm. Eligible people on the wait list will be contacted to schedule an appointment when vaccines are available through participating providers.

Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website

 $here: \underline{https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx}.$ 

Today, we can confirm two additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A woman in her 70s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.
- A woman in her 80s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

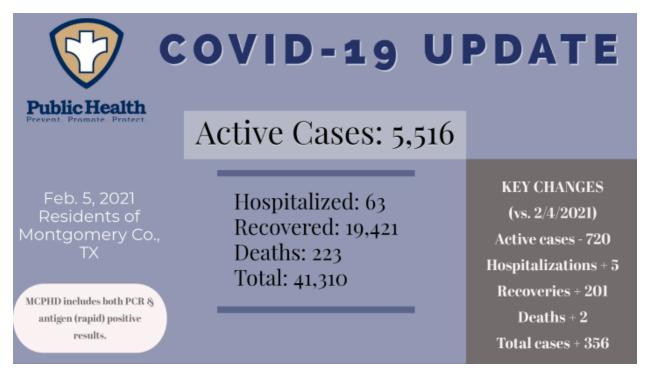
#### We can also confirm:

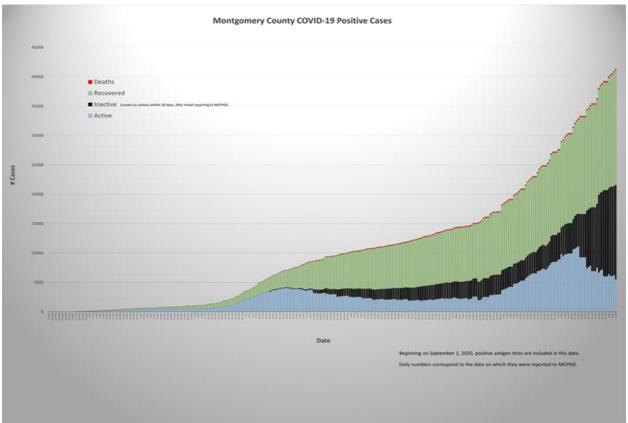
- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 356 to 41,310 since yesterday's (2/4) report. Of the 356 new cases, 348 were tested since 1/21/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 720 to 5,516 since yesterday's (2/4) report. On Tuesdays
  and Fridays, we account for additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for
  more than 30 days. Today, we added 868 inactive cases.
- 63 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 19,421 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 17%, for the  $2^{nd}$  week in a row. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

\*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.





SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 2/4/2021. Updates can be found here: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Mr5o0X">https://bit.ly/2Mr5o0X</a>.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/">https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/</a>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.

#### Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.
- As supply and eligibility increases, get vaccinated.

Do you have general questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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